

Office of
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Iowa Department
of Transportation

Commission Workshop Presentation
CY 2015 Intercity Bus Program
Grant Applications
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Intercity Bus Program

15% of state's federal non-urbanized (5311) transit funding must be used for support of intercity bus services (unless the Governor certifies need has been met). Average yearly funds available is \$2 million.

Intercity bus services must include stops at non-urbanized locations and must make meaningful connections to nationwide network.



Intercity Bus Program

Eligible participants in the program:

- Private intercity bus companies
- Companies wishing to start intercity bus service
- Public transit agencies either operating or proposing to operate intercity bus services
- Local communities wishing to support intercity bus connections to their community.



Intercity Bus Program

Iowa's program has four components in priority order:

- Base level support of existing services (\$.20 per revenue mile)
- Start-up support for new services (three years at \$.50 per revenue mile)
- Support for marketing of intercity bus services and interlined services (maximum \$7,500 for existing routes per agency and \$12,000 per each new route with 20% local match required)
- Support for intercity bus capital improvements (over the road coaches, vertical infrastructure, vehicle renovations/improvements, ADA improvements to vehicles and facilities). Vehicles require a 15% local match while all other capital projects require 20% local match.



Intercity Bus Program

Total available funds for CY 15: \$2,757,561

12 applications received requesting \$2,757,561

- Burlington Trailways
- DART – Fort Dodge
- The Jule – City of Dubuque Transit
- Jefferson Lines

Recommending 12 projects for \$2,757,561



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Burlington Trailways

	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$296,451	\$296,451
• Marketing – Existing Service	\$9,375	\$7,500
• Purchase Two 45 Ft Intercity Coaches	\$1,232,838	\$1,015,491
Total	\$1,538,664	\$1,319,442

Ft. Dodge (DART)

• Marketing – Existing Service	\$9,375	\$7,500
Total	\$9,375	\$7,500



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Jefferson Lines

	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$177,505	\$177,505
• Marketing – Existing Service	\$9,375	\$7,500
• Iowa Information Travel Center Support	\$60,750	\$48,600
• Retrofit One Over-the-Road Coaches	\$225,000	\$180,000
• Purchase Two 45 Ft Intercity Coaches	\$1,218,986	\$1,009,604
Total	\$1,691,616	\$1,423,209



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The Jule – The City of Dubuque Transit

- Marketing – New Intermodal Facility

Project Cost

\$9,375

Recommended

\$7,500

Total

\$9,375

\$7,500



Summary of Funding Recommended

Burlington Trailways	\$1,319,442
Ft. Dodge (DART)	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines	\$1,423,209
The Jule	\$7,500
Total	\$2,757,561



Questions?

- For more information on Iowa's public transit programs, visit www.iowadot.gov/transit

